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REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-8 are amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank Examiners Tran and Bashore for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the September 13 personal interview. During the interview, the Examiners suggested to amend the claims to correct the claim numbering and to overcome the §101 and §102 rejections. Such amendments are incorporated into Applicants' reply.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claim 1 is amended to obviate this rejection. In particular, as discussed during the personal interview, claim 1 now recites a computer-executable method. As such, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,7561,287 to Hahn et al. ("Hahn"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, displaying a thumbnail corresponding to an original document and including an enhancement in appearance, receiving a request to display the original document, and displaying a first portion of the original document that is <u>more similar</u> in appearance to a corresponding portion of the thumbnail than a corresponding portion of the original document. As discussed during the interview, an example this feature is shown in Applicants' Fig. 5 and Fig. 15.

The Office Action asserts that Fig. 16 of Hahn describes these features. As discussed and agreed upon during the personal interview, Fig. 16 of Hahn shows an icon 1700, thumbnails of each phase 1730, and the original document 1720. During the interview, the Examiners asserted that the icon 1700 may be interpreted as a thumbnail and that a thumbnail

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1730 is the first version of the original document. As agreed during the interview, even if icon 1700 is considered a thumbnail, which is not admitted, the thumbnail 1730 is not more similar in appearance to a corresponding portion of the icon 1700 than a corresponding portion of the original document 1720 as claimed. Instead, the thumbnail 1730 is merely a reduced size representation of the original document 1720 substantially corresponding to the original. Moreover, as agreed upon, the icon 1700 does not include an enhancement of the original. As such, as agreed upon during the interview, Hahn does not teach or suggest the recited first version of the original document being more similar to the enhanced thumbnail. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentably distinct from the applied prior art.

Claims 2-5 are allowable at least for their dependence on allowable base claim 1, as well as the additional features they recite.

Claim 6 recites features similar to those of claim 1. As such, claim 6 is patentably distinct from the applied prior art for similar reasons. In particular, claim 6 recites that the first version is more similar to the enhanced thumbnail than to the original.

Claims 7-8 are allowable at least for their dependence on allowable base claim 6, as well as for the additional features they recite.

At least for these reasons, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-8 are earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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